REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	25 January 2002
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Unreal Tournament Game PC (Customised Version)
Other Known Titles:	Unreal Tournament
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Game
Countries of Origin:	Austria, New Zealand
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

This classification relates to all copies or versions of the publication that are identical in content with it, even if they are in different formats or are played on platforms other than a computer game.

Display Conditions:

When the publication is in its inactive state:

Nil.

When the publication is in its active state:

The publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Descriptive Note:

Contains violence.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 24 January 2002

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer game entitled *Unreal Tournament Game PC (Customised Version)* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

A console game (Playstation 2) version of the game entitled *Unreal Tournament* was examined by the Office of Film and Literature Classification Office and assigned the classification, "Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years." with the descriptive note "Contains violence." (OFLC No.100755). This decision was registered on 13 November 2001.

The computer game entitled *Unreal Tournament Game PC (Customised Version)* differs from the console game in that it also contains several game maps offering extra virtual environments for game players. A New Zealand company has created six of these maps involving exaggerated cartoon characters. Overall, while the game presents violent acts in an unrealistic manner, the main focus of the game remains the "killing" of characters, some presented as human, for the purpose of entertainment. Repetitive exposure to violence in this manner, set at a high level of gore, is likely to impact on children and young persons. Given these factors the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good unless this availability is restricted to adults and older teenagers.

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